Secretary of State Debra Bowen
Announces Results of Random Alphabet Drawing for
Candidate Order on November 6, 2007 Local Election Ballots

SACRAMENTO – Secretary of State Debra Bowen today announced the results of the randomized alphabet drawing to determine the order that candidates’ names will appear on November 6, 2007 local election ballots.


Elections Code section 13111(f) requires the names of candidates for municipal and district offices to be arranged in accordance with the randomized alphabet. This alphabet applies throughout the entire last name of the candidate. If the names of two or more candidates begin with the same letter, their ballot listing order is determined by applying this randomized alphabet to the next letter(s) of their names. If last names of multiple candidates are the same, the random alphabet also applies to the first names.

Today’s random alphabet drawing was held at the Elections Division within the Secretary of State’s office in compliance with Elections Code section 13112. Staff members pulled the letters in a lottery-style drawing with witnesses from the public present.

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